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- 1. SECRET ENTIRE TEXT.
- 2. WE SPOKE AUGUST 9 AT 1600 LOCAL TIME WITH CHINESE MFA INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DEPARTMENT DEPUTY DIRECTOR SHA ZUKANG REGARDING CHINESE REACTION TO REF A TALKING POINTS. SHA INDICATED OUR POINTS HAVE BEEN STAFFED OUT WITH THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT AND HE EXPECTS A FORMAL RESPONSE SOMETIME TOMORROW TO OUR "SERIOUS PROPOSAL" TO RESOLVE THIS ISSUE. HE ALSO SAID CHINA IS "NOT ENTIRELY HAPPY" WITH ASPECTS OF OUR PROPOSAL.
- 3. CHINA IS GETTING THE SAME NEGATIVE RESPONSE FROM UAE AUTHORITIES AS WE ARE BUT, BASED ON ITS DIPLOMATIC



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